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Dear Mr. Staalstrom:

This is in response to your application dated September 11, 1991, to become a "similarly qualified organization" as provided for in Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations Section 28.76.

This letter designates DNV as a "similarly qualified organization" for the purpose of conducting required biennial examinations of fish processors and voluntary examinations of all other commercial fishing industry vessels. Third party examinations of commercial fishing industry vessels should be conducted as outlined in enclosure (1).

Enclosures (2) through (4) are provided for your information. Enclosure (2) is a list of the Coast Guard fishing vessel safety coordinators and their phone numbers. Enclosures (3) and (4) are recent policies developed by the Coast Guard which affect the commercial fishing industry. DNV has been added to a distribution list which will ensure that future Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) relating to commercial fishing industry vessels will be forwarded directly to DNV upon publication. Additionally, any future policy letters that concern the commercial fishing industry will also be forwarded to DNV.

I appreciate your concern and interest in promoting fishing vessel safety. I look forward to establishing a beneficial working relationship with DNV in this very important safety initiative.

Sincerely,

A. E. HENN
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Office of Marine Safety,

- Security and Environmental Protection
 Encl: (1) NVIC 13-91, Fishing Industry Vessel Third Party
 Examination and Procedures for Designation of
 "Accepted Organizations" and "Similarly Qualified
 Organizations"
 - (2) List of District Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinators

(3) G-MVI-4 Policy Letter #11-91

(4) NVIC 12-91, Termination of Unsafe Operations Aboard Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels

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